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| | First Inventor | Keith C. Thomas |
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| | Examiner | Andrew Y Koenig |
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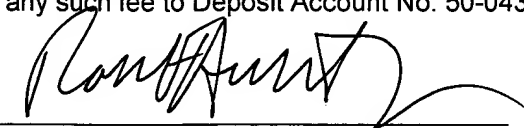
| ENCLOSURES (check all that apply) | |
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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fees calculated below <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> including Attachments A-B <input type="checkbox"/> After Final Amendment/Reply <input type="checkbox"/> including Attachment(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Extension of Time Petition <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Appl. <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Copy of Priority Document(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement <input type="checkbox"/> Drawing(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Terminal Disclaimer <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> |

| FEES CALCULATION: For claims if required and/or other fees as shown below: | | | | | |
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| | NOW | Previously Paid For | Present Extra | Rate | \$ |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> TOTAL CLAIMS | 35 | 48 | 0 | X \$ 50 = | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> INDEP. CLAIMS | 7 | 8 | 0 | X \$ 200 = | |
| TOTAL OF ABOVE CLAIMS FEES = | | | | | 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Reduction by 1/2 for small entity status of applicant | | | | | |
| SUBTOTAL = | | | | | 0 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Fee for extension of time (per attached Petition) | | | | | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other fee for | | | | | |
| TOTAL OF ALL FEES = | | | | | 0 |

☐ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the above-noted fee of \$0 to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

☒ In the event that a petition for extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and that a separate petition is not submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for an extension of time of as many months as are required to render this submission timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0439.

Date: November 3, 2005


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In response to the Office Action mailed on August 11, 2005:

A) please consider the responsive **Remarks** provided herewith in **Attachment A**;
and

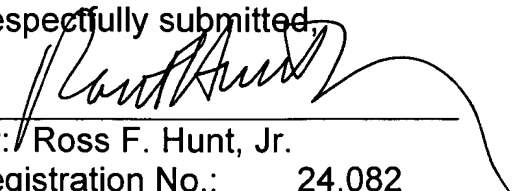
B) please amend the above identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims provided herewith in **Attachment B**.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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